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TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £1,200,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE £1,200,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £1,200,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881. £3,600,000.00

DIRECTORS.
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POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED) \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCE MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED 15,000,000 Francs.
CAPITAL PAID-UP 3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £2,000,000; PAID-UP £200,000.
PAID UP RESERVE FUND £50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [105]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

To be Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Also, No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE, No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1882. [74]

TO BE LET,
FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1882,
THAT LARGE AND COMMODIOUS HOUSE,
No. 8, ARNHEIM ROAD, at present in the occupation of Mr. J. D. HUTCHISON.
Apply to
J. A. CARVALHO.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1882. [147]

Intimations.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSEAR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONO FLAX CROWN CANVAS.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [5]

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAL.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND.

L. MALLORY, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [11]

For Sale.

H. FOURNIER & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE, JUST RECEIVED, EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

FANCY PLAYING CARDS.

CRACKERS. BORDONS (Assorted).

CHOCOLATE CREAM.

CHOCOLATE MENIER.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

FIGS. MALAGA RAISINS.

TABLE PLUMS.

FRUITS IN JUICE (Assorted).

CONFITURES DE ST. JAMES (in Bottles and Tins).

SYRUPS (Assorted).

HUNTLY and PALMER'S BISCUITS.

ALMONDS and NUTS.

MANILLA. PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

NOIX DE VEAU TRUFFEE (in Tins).

COTELETTE DE VEAU (in Tins).

VEAU ROTI. RIS DE VEAU (in Tins).

FRICAINDAU (Assorted). TRUFFES.

VEGETABLES (Assorted).

ANCHOVIES in Oil. CAPTAR.

SARDINES in Lemon Juice.

SARDINES in Tomatoes.

SARDINES in Oil.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

FRENCH and ENGLISH MUSTARD.

SAUSAGES (Assorted).

LYONS SAUSAGES.

FRENCH and SPANISH OLIVES.

FRENCH ISIGNY BUTTER (in 1 and 2 lbs. Tins).

MACCARONI. (Assorted) Paste for Soups, Letters, stars, &c. TAPIOC.

FINE-GROUND MOCHA COFFEE.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

AN ASSORTMENT OF CHEESE.

GRUYERE, ROQUEFORT.

DUTCH. CALIFORNIA CREAM.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

FRENCH TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

ASSORTED PERFUMERY FROM PARIS and PIVERT OF PARIS.

A large quantity of FRENCH MINERAL WATERS in Pints of 100 bottles per Case.

CORK STOPPERS, for Soda and other Bottles.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

AN ASSORTMENT OF CLARETS

in Bottles and Wood.

CHATEAU LAROSE.

CHATEAU LAFFITTE.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

ST. EMILION. MEDOC.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

AN ASSORTMENT OF WINES.

SAUTERNE. PORTO. SHERRY.

MARSALA.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguilar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY HAVE JUST RECEIVED

A SHIPMENT OF BRANDY.

Intimations.

ECA DA SILVA & CO.

HAVE JUST LANDED.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER "SAGALIE."

A GREAT VARIETY AND FINE ASSORTMENT OF SUMMER GOODS,

COMPRISING:—
Ladies Richly Trimmed Pongee Silk Costumes, Satin, Linen, and Cambric Costumes, Ready-made Dresses, Lace and Silk Fichus, Gravats, Dressing Gowns, Fine Silk Hose, &c., &c., &c.

Ladies Elegantly Trimmed Parisian Straw Hats and Bonnets, Children's and Babies' Hats and Caps, in Great Variety.

Gentlemen's Parisian Straw and Panama Hats, French Felt Hats, Light Summer Tweed in Pieces for Pants, White and Coloured Linen Drill, Pieces of Touch Cord for Vests, Canvas Shoes, Silk Umbrellas, &c., &c.

Oriza's and Penard's Perfumery in Great Variety. Elegant 3 Sides French Mirrors, Vienna Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Visiting Card Cases, Portmonnaies, Albums, Needle Cases, Needles, Ladies Work Boxes, &c., &c., &c.

ECA DA SILVA & Co.,
48, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, April 3rd, 1882. [9]

KELLY & WALSH'S LIST OF NEW MUSIC.

NEW DANCE MUSIC.

A Ton Bras Polka T. Rieffler.
Light of Love Waltz A. G. Crowe.
Scotch Beauties Waltz A. G. Crowe.
Princess Toto Galop R. Herzen.
Princess Toto Waltz R. Herzen.
Princess Toto Quadrille Chas. Godfrey.
Day and Night Quadrilles W. Williams.
Bonne Chance Polka C. Godfrey.

COMIC SONGS.

Blow me up an apple tree T. W. Barrett.
We are a merry family T. W. Barrett.
Oh Lor, Oh Dear E. Foreman.

NEW SONGS.

London Bridge Molloy.
The Curfew Bell Allis Gower.
Told in the Twilight J. L. Molloy.
The Birds and the Cross J. L. Molloy.
Shadows of the Past C. Marriott.
Over the Garden Wall G. D. Fox.

SALE & CO'S SHOWROOMS.

ARE NOW SHOWING NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

EX "FLEURS CASTLE."
A splendid assortment of French and English Pompadour Prints and Satinets.

New Patterns in French Percales.
Specialities in Damasses and Black Grenadines.

Nun's Beiges and Velvings.
Silk, Lisle Thread, and Cotton Hosiery in all sizes.
Irish Linens and Diapers.
New Millinery.

A choice selection of Flowers.
Sewing Machine by the leading manufacturers.
N.B.—A few REMNANTS and TOYS left over from the Sale still on offer at greatly REDUCED PRICES.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

EX "GLENORCHY."
White Striped Dress Materials in large variety.

Ladies Victoria Dress Lawns in all qualities.
Ladies French Shoes in every size.
Silk and Wool Flannels.
Black Paramattas, Cashmeres, and Merinos.
New Parasols and Umbrellas.
Erie's Fruit Salt.
Atkinson's Scent.
Brushes and Combs.

&c., &c., &c.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. H. C. LUBECK in Our Firm Ceased from the 28th February last.

Dr SOUZA & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1882. [203]

WANTED, EMPLOYMENT by a young Man, as an ASSISTANT in a MERCANTILE Office, or any other Establishment. Salary Moderate. Address "J. J. B." care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1882. [157]

J. M. G. U. E. D. S.
HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,
No. 33, WELLINGTON-STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

E. CASSUMBOY.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE,
Nos. 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14,
BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
Opposite the City Hall.

HOUSES OR ROOMS FURNISHED THROUGHOUT ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

FURNITURE, PIANOS, &c., FOR SALE OR HIRE.

A GOOD SELECTION OF BOOKS, Some Choice Original Oil Paintings and Water Colours, Chromos, Engravings, &c.

A FEW PIECES OF OLD PORCELAIN AND OTHER WARE.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE CURIOS.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [163]

A FONG PHOTOGRAPHER,
HAS A LARGE COLLECTION OF VIEWS than any other in CHINA.

Miniatures Painted on Ivory from \$7.

Oil Paintings on Canvas from \$5.

Cartes de Visite, Cabinets, and all other styles of Portraits at equally moderate prices executed under the supervision and management of D. K. GRIFFITHS, Studio 8, Queen's-road.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1882. [17]

THE CHEAPEST SHOP IN THE TRADE.

Materials and Workmanship Guaranteed.

Special experience in making Gentlemen's RIDING BOOTS.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1882. [207]

YE U QUA.

SHIP, PORTRAIT, AND MINIATURE PAINTER.

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS.

LANDSCAPES in OIL and WATER COLOURS.

All Work Executed by First-Class Artists.

IVORY MINIATURES A SPECIALITY.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

No. 52, C, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

UPSTAIRS.

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1882. [211]

HUNG QUA.

SHIP AND PORTRAIT PAINTER.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST.

MUSIC.

AND

DAGUERRETYPE COPIER.

TERMS MODERATE.

PERFECT SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

No. 22, WELLINGTON-STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1882. [209]

Amusements.

THE CELEBRATED CANADIAN BLONDIN.

THE CHAMPION BICYCLE PERFORMER OF THE WORLD.

who for the last few years has been the dazzling wonder of thousands of Spectators and the Marvel of the Press.

Will have the honour of introducing to the Public of this City an entirely new and original PERFORMANCE.

In the large Pavilion erected at the corner of ABERDEEN STREET and HOLLYWOOD ROAD, THIS DAY THE 11TH, AND

THURSDAY, THE 13TH APRIL, 1882.

SENSATIONAL AND AERIAL PERFORMANCES.

Doors open at 8 P.M., commence at 9 o'clock.

ADMISSION.

First Class \$2.00.
Second Class 1.00.
Third Class 50 cents.
Promenade 30 cents.

Tickets to be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's and at the Doors.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1882. [13]

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

SIGNOR HOFLICH begs to inform the Public of Hongkong, that TO-MORROW, the 12th instant,

THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF SIGNOR LUIGI VANZETTI,

PRIMO TENORE ASSOLUTO, AND

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, on which occasion will be produced

THE GRAND OPERA OF "LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR,"

By Donizetti.

DRAMATIS PERSONE.

EDGAR OF RAVENSWOOD Signor VANZETTI.

HENRY ASHTON Signor CIOCCI.

RAYMOND (Tutor to Lucy) Signor CORTI.

LORD ARTHUR DUCKLAW Signor BRUNETTI.

NORMAN Signor BRUNETTI.

LUCY ASHTON Signor PINELLI.

ALICE Signora BERTOLINI.

BETWEEN THE 2ND AND 3RD ACTS.

SIGNOR VANZETTI, kindly assisted by

SIGNORA SILINI, will give

THE CELEBRATED DUETTO "DOLCE VOLUTA"

DI RUY BLAS, BY FILIPPO MARCHETTI.

The Subscription List is now open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1882. [222]

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR, AND HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL DONOVAN.

THE THIRD PERFORMANCE OF THE SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES OF SIX OPERAS

WILL BE GIVEN, ON SATURDAY EVENING, 15TH APRIL, 1882,

when will be produced PACINI'S GRAND OPERA

"S A F F O."

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES.

FAMILY TICKETS.—Admitting 3 Persons, 6 Nights \$30.00

SINGLE TICKET.—Admitting 1 Person, 6 Nights \$14.00

STALLS.—For 3 Persons, 6 Nights \$20.00

STALLS.—For 1 Person, 6 Nights \$10.00

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle \$3.00.

Stalls \$2.00.

Plt \$1.00.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, and at the Doors on the night of the Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 P.M., Performance to commence at 9 P.M. sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

A. HÖFLICH, Director and Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1882. [192]

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held on FRIDAY the fourteenth day of April, at 2.3

Intimations.

N O W R E A D Y.

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Deliveries in Town and Harbour from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED, PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Prompt Attention given to Coast Orders.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI.

CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, Foochow.

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Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS. Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS. Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1882.

The apathy of Hongkong residents during the Spring and Summer seasons has justly become a byword. Business of course can never be neglected; but outside commercial interests, throughout the greater portion of the year the Colony is practically asleep. Truly enough the weather is inclined to be unpleasantly warm from May until November; but certainly not worse than in other parts of the world where the hot season is not advanced as an excuse for the total collapse of all outdoor sports and amusements. We really cannot see any very powerful reason why cricket and lawn tennis should not be played, off and on, all the year round, if we except the lack of inclination on the part of devotees of those healthy pastimes. The health of a Colony is a matter of the highest importance, and although it can hardly be denied that Hongkong is an exceptionally healthy home for Europeans, it will on the other hand be readily admitted that a more general indulgence in manly exercises would still further improve matters in that respect.

The cricket season in this Colony is a long way from being what it might be. Lawn tennis is an amusing and healthful exercise, and has become generally and deservedly popular in tropical climates, as a pastime in which the fair sex can take a prominent part. Rowing and sailing are indulged in at intervals throughout the year, but only in a very lukewarm fashion, and we cannot see much prospects of any great improvement in this branch of aquatic. Swimming is doubtless indulged in to a considerable extent during the summer months, the Victoria Recreation Club, a very admirable institution of its kind, having done much to promote this useful art. Athletics in Hongkong have never—at least during recent years—attained an important place in our annual programme of sporting events, and never will under the present system of management. Our athletic meetings are altogether of an impromptu character, which is a certain bar to their unqualified success. To ensure an interesting and successful athletic gathering the programme of events should be circulated, at least a month, and the list of entries for the various events, with the colours of the competitors, a week prior to the date of meeting. This would interest the community, and encourage intending competitors to take pains to get themselves

into something like condition, and ensure keen competition. Second and third prizes in the shape of silver and bronze medals should also be provided for all events. This would cost a very trifling amount, and bring large fields together for the various contests.

It is a matter of surprise to many sportsmen that a wealthy and sport-loving community like Hongkong is contented to have only one race-meeting during the year. They point out that the Shanghai Race Club have for years held two meetings annually—Spring and Autumn—with such success, that their example has been recently followed by the Fokien Race Club of Foochow whose first Spring Meeting commenced to-day. Under a properly constituted Race Club we could no doubt hold two race meetings annually in the Happy Valley; but whether such a course would be advisable and for the best interests of sport, is rather a difficult matter to decide without actual experience. However, there can be no doubt that with such a splendid race course at our disposal as the far famed Wong-wei-chong Valley, frequent sporting carnivals on a small scale might be held periodically throughout the year. There are at the present time a larger number of ponies and riders in Hongkong than has been the case for many years. Can no club or association be formed to foster sport? The Model Settlement has gained a wide spread celebrity for its Paper Hunts. Is it impossible to organise something of the kind in Hongkong? If Paper chases across country are out of the question, there can be no difficulty in arranging hunts on a smaller scale on the racecourse. A regular steeplechase course at Wong-wei-chong could be formed at a trifling cost; but as a matter of fact a capital track with natural jumps already exists, and only requires to be "flagged" out. There are plenty opportunities of indulging in capital sport throughout the year; if sportsmen are only forthcoming; Two or three years ago a Polo Club was started, and there is no doubt but it would have been in existence now had its promoters established it on a sensible basis.

We are just at the beginning of a long and dull season, so that if anything is to be done to promote the interests of outdoor sports during the summer months, now is the time to initiate proceedings. With a new regiment in our midst, the officers of which bear sporting reputations, some effort should be made to relieve the dreary monotony of the next six months. We shall be glad to support in every possible way any movement which may be inaugurated.

The Court of Appeal observes the Daily News has reversed the judgment of the Queen's Bench Division in the case of Captain Scott Jervis, the bankrupt of Cherrington-park. The question raised is of considerable interest, apart from the Captain's position, which seems to have been somewhat exaggerated or misrepresented in the court below. Mr. Justice STEPHEN, sitting in Chambers, committed Captain Jervis to prison on the ground that he was able but refused to pay a debt of twenty pounds. There was certainly some ground for this hypothesis, inasmuch as the debtor was living in apparent comfort, if not luxury. The house, however, and everything in it belong, not to himself, but to his wife, who entirely supports him. This did not satisfy the Judges of the Queen's Bench, and Mr. Justice FIELD thought that next time Mrs. Jervis gave her husband money he had better frill it away, to use SHERIDAN'S phrase, in paying what he owed. This was excellent advice from a moral point of view, but according to the MASTER of the Rolls and Lord Justice HOLKER it is not law. Sir GEORGE JESSEL declined to hold that, whenever a married woman has money, her husband may be sent to gaol in order to induce her to pay his debts, and such a proposition certainly does bear some analogy to the celebrated direction of the County Court Judge that a rich aunt should defray the liabilities of a poor nephew. Captain Jervis has settled nothing on his wife, who inherited property from her own family, and there was no evidence that she made him any fixed allowance. The Debtors' Act of 1869 only sanctions imprisonment for debt where the debtor can pay if he likes, and thus there is an end of the matter. At the same time it is hard cases which make bad law, and a tradesman who trusts a gentleman in apparently good circumstances has some right to complain on finding that his debtor is really worth nothing. Moreover, the law is not always so astute to distinguish between husband and wife, and the Married Women's Property Act of 1874 makes a man liable for debts contracted by his wife before marriage to the extent of the property which she brings him.

"THAMES-STREET INDUSTRIES," by Percy Russell. This Illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World, or JOHN GOSNELL & Co., London. [ADVT.]

A COMMITTEE of Cardinals, under the Presidency of the Pope, has decided that the Catholics in Italy cannot, compatibly with their religious duty, take part in political elections.

SOME Japanese in Osaka have become the purchasers of the British barque *Zodiac*. The price realized was, we understand, \$10,500, and the sale was negotiated by Messrs. H. W. Tabor and Co.—Hills News.

A GENTLEMAN in Poland makes known through the medium of a London daily newspaper the fact that he desires to dispose of a quantity of old linen, horns, bones, and cow-hair. His name is Warszawaite Predisbierstwo Skupiania, Esq.

We observe that Mr. Farnell, M.P., has undergone, seven days' solitary confinement in Kilmainham Jail for a breach of discipline in attempting to send a letter from the prison through another than the ordinary channel, and without the assent of the governor.

We observe in a Scotch paper that Mr. Robert Jardine, M.P., of Castlehill, has intimated to his Dumfriesshire tenants that an abatement of 10 per cent. will be made from the last half-year's rents. This is the seventh time in succession that a similar concession has been made on this estate.

The London and China Express states that a brigantine from Trinidad has arrived at New York with a sailor from the wrecked steamship *Bahama*. He was picked up after floating for six days on the steamer's ice-box, having had no food save one biscuit. The steamer sank soon after the boats left it.

Mr. John Denver, a newsagent, of Liverpool, was lately summoned for publishing the *United Ireland* without an imprint. The offence was practically admitted; but as the counsel for the Treasury did not press for the full penalties, the magistrate ordered the defendant to pay twenty-two pounds five shillings.

The large vessel which has been under construction for some time past at the Patent slip, and which is intended ultimately we believe for a Government transport, is now being pushed forward with a view to its speedy completion. When finished, it will be by far the largest vessel that has ever been built in Japan.—Nagasaki Express.

We read in papers received by French Mail that Mr. Forster has paid an unexpected visit to Limerick. He was strongly guarded by armed constabulary. The object of the visit is said to have been to inquire into the reports of a probable rising in the Tulla district. There is great excitement all over East Clare, and great uneasiness prevails there.

A PARLIAMENTARY return shows that in the twenty years from 1861 to 1880 inclusive 512 persons were convicted of capital offences, of whom 279 were executed, 194 had their sentences commuted to penal servitude for life, and 16 for various shorter terms; while 13 were removed to Broadmoor. In one case the sentence was quashed by the Court of Criminal Appeal, three prisoners committed suicide, and six received a free pardon.

ALARMISTS who fear the Channel tunnel scheme may take comfort from a charming but not attributed to Count von Moltke. According to a Vienna correspondent that famous military authority recently delivered himself of the following remark:—"I have five different plans for invading England, but I have not yet been able to discover one for getting out of it." This is certainly true. It would be very difficult indeed to get out of the bull-dog's jaws.

A CONVENTION of the Irish National Land League is to meet at Washington on April 12th. The object stated is the election of officers, the ratification of the policy and purpose of the League in Ireland, and the emancipation of Ireland from "landlord robbery and foreign oppression." Another object—that of raising the wind to keep the professional agitators in funds—is not mentioned in the circular convening the meeting. Why does not the British Minister at Washington insist on the suppression of these illegal meetings by the United States Government?

We have received from Mr. F. J. V. Jorge samples of some first rate port he has recently imported from Oporto, and have much pleasure in testifying to its excellent quality. This wine is of a brand favorably known and highly esteemed at home—that of M. de Souza Guedes—and we think we are well within the mark in saying, that the black label with three grapes is far and away the finest sample of port we have tasted in the Far East. The other brands, although inferior to this special quality, are really good wines, and as will be seen by an advertisement in another place, are for sale at very low prices.

VICE-ADMIRAL CLITZ, says the *Hills News* of the 27th ult., arrived shortly before noon yesterday in the U.S.S. *Richmond*, and was received with the usual salutes by the Russian corvette *Strelitz*, and the U.S.S. *Monotacy*. We believe the flagship will remain here for some time, as there is a considerable amount of work to be done on the vessel by Messrs. E. C. Kirby and Co., of the Kobe Iron Works. The U.S.S. *Ashted* arrived in Nagasaki from Tientsin via Chefoo last Friday, after a very rough passage, during which she was hoisted for about forty hours, and went into dock for sundry repairs the following day.

MEMBERS of the craft in Hongkong will be glad to know that the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge of Freemasons was held on March 1st at Freemason's Hall, London. The W. M.'s chair was occupied by the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, who, after his long absence, was received with enthusiasm, the Earl of March, M.P., occupying the chair of the Grand Senior Warden; Mr. Justice Cave that of the Grand Junior Warden; and Mr. W. W. Beach, M.P., acting as P.G.M. The Prince of Wales, proposed by Dr. Meadows, and seconded by Mr. E. Bayliss, was re-elected W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, and Lieut.-Colonel John Creation was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

It is officially notified that Major-General the Hon. Sir H. H. Clifford, C.B., V.C., K.C.M.G., would resume the command of the Eastern regimental district on April 1st. Major-General Clifford served in the Kaffir war of 1852; in the Crimea; and with the China Expeditionary Force of 1857. He also served during the recent Zulu war.

THE Washington correspondent of the London *Daily News* telegraphs on February 23rd:—Resolutions were to-day introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives asking the Secretary for War to issue rations to the persons rendered destitute by the flood in the Mississippi valley. The resolutions were referred to the appropriate Committees. It is stated that in one locality of Mississippi 1,000 negroes are starving, and from 50,000 to 75,000 labourers are destitute. The portion of the Mississippi inundated is 150 miles long by 40 wide. Four-fifths of the population are negroes. The overflow in Arkansas is appalling and unprecedented.

THE Marseilles correspondent of the *Daily News* writes on February 24th:—"The activity in the shipbuilding yards of Toulon continues. The new ships are, first, the *Aviso Escadre*, the construction of which will be probably finished in 1885; second, two *aviso de station*, the construction of which will be finished in 1885. In addition, they are placing on the stocks for 1883 a *cuirassé* (descender of the same kind as the *Magenta*). The vessels at the shipbuilding yards are five at present—the *Foudroyant* and the *Volage*, which will be finished in 1882; the *Arcture*, in 1883; the *Caiman*, in 1884; and finally, the *Magenta*, which will be finished in 1886."

UNDER the heading of "Legal News," in the *Law Times* of the 18th February I find the following paragraph:—"The Bar at Shanghai.—Advices received at Plymouth from Shanghai report that the Woosung Bar, off that place, which has proved the means of destruction of many a ship, is to be dredged out of existence. A double-hopper dredge, capable of raising three hundred tons per hour from a depth of thirty feet, has been ordered, and when the barrier has been removed it is expected that the largest steamers will be able to run alongside the jetty." Do the solicitors think that this proposed treatment of the Woosung Bar would be advisable in the case of the English Bar? It is a drastic remedy, but will the Attorney-General and his *confidés* submit to be "dredged out of existence?" "Atlas" in the *World*.

WE observe from home papers that some interesting experiments have been made recently at Peterhead with the object of rendering the sea in a storm sufficiently calm to allow ships to enter harbour safely by pouring oil upon the water, and have obtained a successful result. The sea at the entrance to the north harbour at Peterhead was running high and the water was broken; but as soon as the oil apparatus (a force pump with 1,200 ft. of lead and iron piping) was set to work, the fairway at the mouth of the harbour became perfectly smooth, and the invention was pronounced a success. We wonder what effect pouring oil upon the troubled waters of Hongkong Harbour during a big typhoon would be likely to have! Perhaps some wealthy philanthropist will try the experiment—in the public interest of course—about the middle of next August!

SOME idea of the serious state of affairs at present existing in the Emerald Isle may be gathered from a recently published statement of the strength of the army in the country. The total force at present in Ireland is over 31,000 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, composed of 4,000 Cavalry, 3,000 Artillery, and 24,000 Infantry, with 3,600 horses, and 63 guns. This formidable army corps is distributed as follows:—In the Dublin District, 14,700; in the Cork District, 13,300; and in the Belfast District, 3,000. The garrison of the capital is composed of 5,500 officers and men with 800 horses and 16 guns. The Cavalry regiments in Ireland are the 1st Dragoons at Dublin, 2nd Dragoons at Ballinacorney, 5th Royal Irish Lancers at Newbridge, 18th Hussars at Longford, 19th Hussars at Dundalk, 20th Hussars at Cahin, 21st Hussars at Dublin. There are, it may be added, three Companies of Royal Engineers now in that country—viz., the 1st, 14th, and 18th.

THE Canadian Blondin gave his opening entertainment last evening in the spacious marquee erected at the junction of Hollywood Road, and Aberdeen-street. The performance commenced shortly after 9 o'clock, and at that hour a very fair crowd had assembled. M. Blondin came amongst us with the reputation of being a first-class performer in his own particular line of business, having been highly spoken of by the principal papers in India, where he was presented with a handsome silver medal by the Governor of Baroda, and also by the press of Australia; where he has performed with marked success. His performance last night certainly upheld all that has been written respecting the intrepid performer now under notice. M. Blondin on making his appearance on the platform was greeted with a hearty round of applause, and throughout the evening, while performing his acts, the plaudits were frequent, and well deserved. A performance on the tight-rope must be seen to be appreciated, the following acts comprising the entertainment—walking across the rope blindfold, riding on a bicycle, balancing a chair and table on the rope, sitting in the chair and partaking of refreshment from a bottle, walking across the rope with a youth on his back, and many other tricks of a similar nature. The whole of the above feats were performed with a grace and elegance which would have done credit even to the original Blondin himself. An efficient orchestra under the leadership of the redoubtable "Joe" performed selections of a "sole" inspiring nature, during the evening, and added much to the enjoyment of the entertainment. The performance, on the whole, was well worth seeing, and we are certain no such performer on the tight rope has previously performed in Hongkong. M. Blondin repeats his entertainment this evening, and to those who have not already seen him perform we say, "don't miss this treat."

REUTER wires that the followers of Bonaparte have been completely annihilated by French troops.

WE are requested to state that Mrs. Marsh will be at home to receive visitors every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 6 o'clock.

REUTER telegraphs from London on April 10th that M. N. de Giers has been appointed Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

THE British barque *Martina* was unlocked at Aberdeen, and the Spanish frigate *Dona Maria de Molina* docked at Kowloon this forenoon.

It having been discovered during the hearing of a case this morning, in which a Chinaman was charged with stealing an orange, that the complainant's witness was in Court the whole of the time, Mr. Wodehouse discharged the prisoner. The charge certainly was not a very grave one.

A RICE-POUNDER, who was found at the fire last night in unlawful possession of an opium pipe and bangle, the former of which he had annexed from a pawnbroker's shop next door to one of the burning houses, he being at the time in "fire uniform," was sent this morning by Mr. Wodehouse to three months' hard labour.

WONG ANUN, a fitter in the employment of the Dock Company at Hung Nam, was charged this morning before Mr. Wodehouse with stealing 15 pounds of old copper and brass yesterday, the property of the Company. Defendant admitted the charge, but said he was a new apprentice, and took the things, not knowing it was wrong. With the view of duly impressing him with the enormity of the ideas he had imbibed, the Magistrate sent him to six weeks' hard labour.

MAJOR General sargent, C.B., made an inspection of the Ordnance store Department at 11.30 this forenoon. His Excellency, accompanied by his staff, landed at the Ordnance pier, where he was received by the head of the Department and other Ordnance officers, and after a close examination of the buildings and stores, took his departure at 12.30. The Department being under the able direction of Assistant Commissary General March, we have no doubt His Excellency found every thing to his satisfaction.

CHIN A NUI, a farmer, was brought up this morning before Mr. Wodehouse, on the charge of assaulting one Chan A Cheuk, a miner, yesterday, and stealing \$50 from him. Inspector Staunton stated that the complainant was not present, and that he believed the charge was a false one, and that he was afraid to appear. The latter did not give the defendant in charge until two days after he said the matter occurred, and was not to be found to-day. The defendant was discharged, and doubtless the complainant, when discovered, will be invited to an interview with the police, and possibly the Magistrate, to explain his conduct.

THE *China Mail* learns from private advices that a military expedition left Hiphong for Hanoi, the chief port of Tonquin, on the evening of the 1st April. The "private advices" may be taken to mean a letter which appeared in the *Daily Press* of yesterday morning. The columns of a newspaper, are public property; but it is customary when one journal borrows news from another, to make some acknowledgment of the obligation. The organ of the missionaries evidently prefers the transparent dodge of "private advices." As we stated yesterday the alleged French invasion of Hanoi is mere moonshine.

A COOK, a watchman, a shopkeeper, a mat-packer, and a rice-pounder were severally charged this morning before Mr. Wodehouse with having each a sword in his possession at the fire last night, the respective complainants being Sikh Police Constables Autha Singh, Mitt Singh, Fatty Singh, Bagwan Singh, and Allum Khan, a string of highly musical sounding cognomens. No attempt having been made to prove that the defendants' intentions were at all sanguinary or felonious, the Magistrate fined each of them twenty five cents or one day's imprisonment. We are bound to confess that until to-day we were ignorant of there being an Arms Act in force in the Colony, thinking, with our usual simplicity, that the measure was confined to Ireland.

INSPECTOR Fleming, under the authority of a duly executed warrant, descended, with a party of police, on the house No. 35 Stanley street yesterday morning, on the first-floor of which he arrested eleven gamblers, who were brought up this morning before Captain Thomsett. The first defendant, who was proved to be the manager of the swindle, was fined \$50 or two months; the fifth, who coolly admitted he went to the house to gamble, received a similar sentence; the others, who said they were looking for friends when arrested, were each fined \$25 or six weeks. The gambling paraphernalia was also ordered to be forfeited, and the two informers were directed to be rewarded with a douceur of \$5 each in case the fines were paid.

A NEW ocean steamship, says the *L. & C. Express*, invented by Captain Moreland, of the Cunard steamer *Batavia*, is being built by the American Quick Transic Steamship Company, of Boston. She is composed of wood, has a turtle back deck, no masts, and nothing on deck except a pilot-house, ventilators, and the smoke pipe. The length is 151½ feet, the breadth of beam is 22 feet, the depth of the hold 16½ feet, the draught forward is 5½, and aft 10½ feet. The capacity is 512 tons. She will have three screws; the main one of four blades, and of such pitch as to be capable of a speed of 30 knots an hour. The others will be fitted in the stern, behind the plates, and will be used in case of accident, when the plates will be used to steer with. The engines, boiler, and machinery are of entirely new designs, and capable of developing enormous power. The steamer will be named the *Meteor*. The inventors say she will revolutionise ocean-steamship construction. The *Meteor* is intended as the first of a series of steamships to be run across the Atlantic, and from the Pacific coast to China, India and Australia.

ACCORDING to a London telegram received this morning attacks upon the Jews in Russia have increased with renewed vigour.

THE General Agent of the P. M. S. Co. has received telegraphic advice of the departure of the steamship *City of Tokio* from San Francisco on the 8th inst. for this port via Yokohama. The steamer will be due here about the 7th proximo.

On the 5th inst. we published a report, which we received from a reliable source in Macao, that a mutiny had occurred with serious loss of life on board the Portuguese troop-ship *Africa* during her voyage from that port to Lisbon. We hear this morning that, although the report referred to was freely circulated and generally believed in Macao, it had no tangible foundation in fact. That some disturbances occurred on board the *Africa* is not denied; but there is little doubt that the report current in Macao was a mere canard unworthy of credence. The *Africa*, we are informed, has arrived at Lisbon, but beyond the fact of her safe arrival no news of consequence has been telegraphed.

WE regret sincerely to state, that the annual fancy bazaar at the Italian Convent yesterday, was by far the least pecuniarily profitable of the four that have been held at that institution. The ladies and gentlemen who attended made purchases very freely, and the sisters desire us to return them their best thanks; but the attendance was, from some cause or other, unfortunately comparatively very small, which accounts for the falling off in the receipts. A collection of articles sufficient to make six stalls, are still undisposed of, and we sincerely hope the charity disposed will come forward and take them off the worthy sisters' hands. They are nearly all the handiwork of the orphans in whose behalf the bazaar was got up, and comprise some very pretty specimens of embroidery, crevel, and plain needle work. An outlay of some \$200 was made by the sisters in the purchase of articles and material for the bazaar. We are also requested by the sisters to publicly thank the ladies who presided at the various stalls for their indefatigable exertions in promoting the sale of the articles.

THE steamship *Bahama*, of Quebec, left St. John, P. M. S. Co. for New York, on the 4th Feb. All went well until midnight on the 6th, in latitude 32 deg. North, longitude 72 deg. West, when a terrific storm arose. The sea carried away the bulwarks and two boats, threw the vessel on her beam ends, and extinguished the fires. Having become unmanageable, she was abandoned in a sinking condition. Three of the crew preferred remaining upon her to running the risk of the overcrowded boats. Captain E. F. Astwood, one passenger, and fifteen of the crew took the larger boat; the first and second officers, two cabin passengers, and nine of the crew took the other boat. The waves, which were sixty feet high, swamped the captain's boat almost instantly. One man swam to the wreck; the others sank. One passenger had been previously drowned. The total loss of life was twenty. The second boat, which is sixteen feet long, owes its safety to the skill of one of the crew, a former member of the Life-saving Service. It often narrowly escaped filling with water and being swamped. In the afternoon of the 10th, the ship *Glenmoray*, of Glasgow, Captain Dawson, rescued the remaining thirteen men. The *Bahama* and its cargo were severely valued at one hundred thousand dollars, and both are insured. It is reported that the *Bahama* was unseaworthy, and had been condemned. The *Glenmoray* subsequently passed the scene of the wreck, but the *Bahama* was not visible.

HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The athletic sports promoted by the Masters for the boys of all the schools in the colony—irrespective of creed or colour—were commenced at the Cricket Ground shortly after one o'clock this afternoon. The attendance was not a large one when the proceedings opened, but the spectators flocked in during the afternoon, until the ground was encircled by a vast ring, and the Grand Stand became crowded with the friends and relatives of the young athletes. Amongst the distinguished visitors we observed His Excellency the Administrator and Mrs. Marsh.

The Band of the Buffs, under Bandmaster Quinn, enlivened proceedings in the intervals between the competitions, rendering the following carefully selected programme in capital style:—

March: "My Heart's Best Love".....Winterbottom.
Overture: "The Rose and the Thistle".....Suppl.
Quadrille: "The Rose and the Thistle".....Pau.
Selection: "The Rose and the Thistle".....Pau.
Air: "The Rose and the Thistle".....Pau.
Glee: "The Rose and the Thistle".....Pau.

The various events were very well contested, and proved unusually interesting and exciting, several of the little fellows ran in capital form, and considering their diminutive stature, covered the various distances in good times. We append the result of the events decided up to the time of our going to press, leaving our detailed remarks on the various competitions for to-morrow's issue:—

- 1.—LONG JUMP.—Open to boys under 9 years of age.
F. Southey.....1
J. Smith.....2
- 2.—HOP, STEP AND JUMP.—Open to boys between 9 and 13 years of age.
F. Remedios 28ft.....1
B. Braga 27ft. 9in.....2
- 3.—LONG JUMP.—Open to boys between 13 and 16 years of age.
G. Costa 15 feet 1 inch.....1
J. Silva 14 feet 10 inches.....2
- 4.—75 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Open to boys under 9 years of age.
J. Smith.....1
E. Lammert.....2
- 5.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Open to boys between 9 and 13 years of age.
H. Arthur.....1
B. Braga.....2

Time 13, 1-5th seconds.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

After a respite of three weeks from such disturbing influences, the agglomeration of the nerves of the community supposed to be peculiarly susceptible of fear, hope, curiosity and kindred affections, but whose precise locality in the human economy our limited knowledge of anatomy will not permit us to determine, were once more put on the *qui vive* by the disagreeable ringing of the fire bell about half-past ten o'clock last night. This time our trained ear led us to wander in a westerly direction in search of some sensational news for our next issue calculated to rouse our readers from their ordinary apathy, but, alas for human hopes, we are bound to acknowledge that our restless energies did not receive a reward anything like commensurate with their aspirations, and what at one time appeared to promise material for infinite expatiation upon, turned out to our regretful disgust, to be but a tame affair after all. Let our introduction, if spun out too long, might weary our readers, we shall drop momentarily for the nonce and proceed to business. The locality of the fire we went in search of, for the detection of our subscribers, proved to be in Queen's Road West, a short distance beyond what was once the old "British hotel," but which is now occupied by the Man On Insurance Company. Upon arriving on the scene the first thing that caught our eager eye, was a glorious blaze, artificially speaking, in the top floors of Nos. 33 and 35, and the first floor of the former, flames shooting up fiercely, especially from the first floor, as much as to say, "on my attack me, Mr. Fire Brigade superintendent, with your contemptible liquid element, but for all that I'll have my way just yet awhile," and its way it certainly did have for some time, proving its energy by quickly making a successful onslaught on the upper floor of No. 31, upon which it seized with a violence that would not be stayed until it had effected its full purpose of unroofing the house and gutting the upper floor. The nett results of a conflagration may be summarised thus:—

Houses Nos. 31, 33, and 35 unroofed and upper floors gutted. First floor of No. 33 also gutted. The fire was arrested at the upper floor of No. 31, where it was compelled to acknowledge itself conquered. It is almost superfluous to say that the various engines in the locality arrived on the scene with their usual celerity, setting to business as quickly as possible; and to their excellent working may be attributed the fact that the fire did not embrace a much wider area, as things really looked dangerous at first. However, with an abundant supply of water, a calm night, and an energetic Fire Brigade, what under some circumstances might have been a serious affair, was quickly reduced to comparatively small business, all danger being over by 11 o'clock. Three Government steamers and one manual were on the scene, together with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s steamer, and the Nam Pak Hong and Pambrokers' manuals, two Government steamers and the Insurance engine being stationed on the Praya at the back. The houses that took fire are substantially built three-storied buildings, Chinese owned, but whether insured we are unable to say. From our careful enquiry made on the spot this morning, we are inclined to believe that the fire commenced in the cook-house on the first floor at the back of No. 33, the centre one of the three involved, whence it shot upwards, seizing on the upper floor, branching off westward to the same floor of No. 35, and eastward to that of No. 31, where it was finally held captive. The ground floor of No. 33 was used as a Druggists' shop, the first floor as a family house, and the upper floor as a Chinese Club. The origin of the fire would seem to be buried in the obscurity which generally surrounds occurrences of the kind in Chinese houses, but may safely be ascribed to the carelessness which marks the Celestial in dealing with fire, and his general neglect of ordinary precautions in its use. It must be acknowledged that the fiery god bestows his attentions with commendable impartiality upon the east and west of the city. At one time he exhibits his wrath on Praya East, then he makes a display of his power at West Point, anon he pays a visit to an isolated group of buildings in a valley, and anon, and now, he again descends in his wrath on Queen's Road West. Might we be permitted to suggest to his fiery godship, if he is really desirous of establishing a character for strict impartiality and even-handed justice, to turn his attention to some other point of the compass on the next occasion.

A BISHOPRIC FOR JAPAN.

Referring to the project which has before been mentioned by us of a Bishop for Japan, the *Church Missionary Intelligence* reports that the committee of the Church Missionary Society have taken into consideration a memorandum received from the Archbishop of Canterbury with reference to the proposed English Bishopric in Japan, and also a report from the Ecclesiastical Sub-Committee on the subject. Attention was drawn to the fact that as far back as December 1878, the Committee, in consequence of representations from the society's missionaries in Japan, and from Bishop Burdon, had recognised the importance, in the peculiar circumstances of that country, of an English Bishop being appointed, and had approached the Archbishop on the subject; also that in the negotiations which had since been carried on from time to time, it became evident that as the work of the Church of England in Japan was not exclusively in the hands of a society, it would not be possible to arrange for the consecration of a Bishop supported by its funds and included in its list of Missionaries, as in the case of Travancore, Caledonia, Mid-China, the Niger, &c. After full discussion it was resolved that, remembering his Grace's continuous kind disposition towards this society, and relying on his wisdom to select for the episcopal office in Japan a clergyman of suitable qualifications who would cordially co-operate with the society, the Committee would, under the exceptional circumstances of missionary work in Japan, contribute £500 a year towards the maintenance of the proposed Bishopric. In view of the possibility of an independent Native Church being hereafter formed, the Committee felt it right to confine their offer to such period as the Bishop now to be appointed should occupy the see and be the only Bishop of the Church of England in Japan. —*London and China Express.*

THE NIGHTSOIL DIFFICULTY.

The attempt is about to be made at Collingwood, one of the suburbs of Melbourne, to cure the nightsoil difficulty. Perhaps in very few large cities on the earth is the subject so full of grave danger, and of insupportable nuisance to noses, as in Melbourne—the pictures drawn by the Melbourne papers from time to time are reliable. The *Argus* reports:—

A company is being formed in Collingwood for carrying out in the populous district a process which has been patented by Messrs. Hesse and Rummel for disposing of nightsoil in a sanitary and in an economical point of view, the undertaking is one which deserves to be encouraged. Those who have read the evidence which Dr. Lyon Playfair gave before the Metropolitan Sanitary Commission a few years ago, will not require to be assured that

the objects aimed at by the company—that of converting excreta into an inodorous *poudrette*, and of applying it to the soil as guano—are perfectly practicable. At the same time, no less an authority than the late Dr. Southwood Smith has declared the following to be "the foundation of all rational and efficient sanitary regulations—namely, that the very refuse of the materials which have served as food and clothing to the inhabitants of the crowded city, and which, if allowed to accumulate there, invariably and inevitably taint the air, and render it pestilential, promptly removed and spread out on the surface of the surrounding country, not only give it healthfulness, but clothe it with verdure, and endure it with inexhaustible fertility." By the process above referred to, the nightsoil is delivered into closed receptacles, and thence fed into retorts, where the offensive gases are burnt, the volatile matters are passed through acids, and are thus transformed into valuable sulphates, and the residue furnishes a guano rich in the fixed constituents of the soil. A contract, it is stated, has been entered into by the promoters of the company with the Collingwood municipality, to work the patent for fourteen years in that district, on the formal condition that the works are not condemned by the Board of Health; and we learn from a report furnished by Dr. McCrea, the chief medical officer, that on the completion of the distilling process, as witnessed by himself, the contents of the retort were found to be quite inoffensive, so that there appears to be no risk of the emission of a nuisance in the neighbourhood of the works, similar testimony is given by another member of the central Board of Health.

To-day's Advertisements.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been instructed by the COMMISSARY GENERAL OF ORDNANCE, China, to sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 17th day of April, 1882, at ELEVEN A.M., at Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores, Queen's Road East, the FOLLOWING
UNSERVICEABLE GOVERNMENT
STORES:—
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Great Coats, Caps, Capes, Serge and Tweed Frocks, Serge and Cloth Tunics, Serge and Cloth Trousers, Flannel Vests, Boots (Ankle and Wellington), Helms, Cloth Jackets.
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7-1/2. All faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. All Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [226]

MANILA METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
BY TELEGRAPH.—THIS DAY.

BAROMETER, THERMOMETER, &c.	Previous day 4 P.M.	On date 10 A.M.	Remarks.
Barometer	30.01	30.13	—
Thermometer attached	88.2	82.5	—
Direction of Wind	SE	WNW	—
Force of Wind	3	1	—
Wet Thermometer	77.9	85.7	—
Dry Thermometer	77.7	77.4	—
Weather	B	B	—
Hours of Rain	1	—	—
Quantity fallen	15	—	—

Barometer, level of the sea in inches, tens and hundredths.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tenths in the open air in a shaded situation.—Direction of Wind, is registered every two points, N., N.N.E., N.E., E., E.S.E., E. by S., S., S.S.W., S.W., W., W.N.W., W. by N., N.W., N.N.W., N. by N., &c.—Force of Wind, 0 calm, 1 to 3 light breeze, 3 to 5 moderate breeze, 5 to 7 fresh, 7 to 8 strong, 8 to 10 to 12 violent.—State of Weather, B. Clear blue sky, C. Cloudy, D. Drizzly, F. Fog, G. Foggy, H. Hail, L. Light rain, M. Misty, O. Overcast, P. Partly clear, S. Squally, R. Rainy, S. Snow, T. Thunder, U. B. threatening, V. Variable, W. Storm, Z. Calm. The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the mean average of their significance. Rain.—The hours of rain for the previous 24 hours (noon) are registered from 2 to 24 the quantity of water fallen indicated in inches, tenths, and hundredths.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
GENUINE PORT WINE.
M. DE SOUZA GUDES' WELL KNOWN BRANDS,
BLACK LABEL, with 3 Grapes, per Case of 1 Dozen Quarts.....\$18.
BLACK LABEL, with 2 Grapes, per Case of 1 Dozen Quarts.....\$16.
WHITE LABEL, per Case of 1 Dozen Quarts.....\$13.
Apply to
F. J. V. JORGE,
at Messrs. RUSSELL & Co's.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1882. [217]

FOR SALE.
GENUINE MADEIRA WINE, 1870,
\$22 PER DOZEN.
OLD SUPERIOR PORT (BASTARDOS),
\$15 PER DOZEN.
Apply to
L. THIEVENIN,
Hongkong Hotel Building.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1882. [178]

FOR SALE.
MESSRS. W. & T. LOCKETT'S Celebrated Brands Threlfall's Export PALE ALE and Fendler's *** DUBLIN STOUT, in Pints and Quarts.
Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of One Dozen.
Also,
Millery Mousseux VIN DE CHAMPAGNE, in Cases of 2 doz. Pints and 1 doz. Quarts.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [166]

FOR SALE.
G. H. MUMM & Co's CHAMPAGNE.
QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.
Apply to
MILCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

FOR SALE.
AUSTRALIAN WINES, PORT & SHERRY, of the finest quality, from Coolata Vineyard, Bransford, Hunter River, N.S.W.
Apply to
R. FRASER-SMITH,
No. 6, Peddar's Hill.

FOR SALE CHEAP.
HACKS AND CARRIAGE PONIES.
A HANDSOME BAY PONY.
BROKEN to harness; a first class lady's HACK, and excellent Carriage Pony. Perfectly sound, and warranted quiet under saddle and in harness.
A PAIR OF BAY CARRIAGE PONIES.
A GREY CANTON PONY.
SEVERAL CAPITAL HACKS; good trotters, quiet, and up to heavy weights.
Also two English made PONY CARRIAGES by Lenny of Croydon.
For full Particulars, Apply to
F. S. G.
"Hongkong Telegraph" Office.
Hongkong, April 3rd, 1882.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES, 1882.
NOW READY, PRICE 25c.
A COMPLETE REPORT OF THE HONGKONG RACE MEETING OF 1882.
IN PAMPHLET FORM, PRINTED FROM THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
As only a limited number will be printed orders should be sent without delay to the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE,
No. 6, Peddar's Hill.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1882.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
TO ADVERTISERS.
SHIPPING FIRMS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, COMMERCIAL HOUSES, and ADVERTISERS generally are informed that arrangements have now been completed to issue daily in connection with all
ADVERTISEMENTS
inserted in the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"
A SPECIAL
ADVERTISEMENT SHEET.
FREE OF CHARGE.
As the scale of charges in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which has a guaranteed circulation of THREE HUNDRED COPIES, is fixed at an exceedingly low rate, the attention of Advertisers is directed to the many advantages offered by this journal as a General Advertising Medium, and the support of the Mercantile community and the public generally is respectfully solicited.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1882.

THE PATENT TYPE FOUNDRY COMPANY,
31, RED LION SQUARE, HOLBORN, W.C., LONDON.
SHANKS, REVELL, & Co.,
PRINTERS,
NEWSPAPER, BOOK, MUSIC, & GENERAL TYPE FOUNDERS.
Sole Proprietors of JOHNSON and ATKINSON'S Automatic Machinery for Casting and Finishing Printing Type, and Manufacturers of JOHNSON'S Patent Hard Metal, patented April 5th, 1854.
Estimates for Newspaper, Book, and Jobbing Plant at specially reduced rates.
All kinds of Printing Machines, Presses, Paper, and everything connected with Printing Business supplied on most reasonable terms.
SPECIAL AGENT FOR CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE FAR EAST.
ROBERT FRASER-SMITH,
No. 6, PEDDAR'S HILL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1882. [88]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
R. FRASER-SMITH, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, ARBITRATOR, AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, has THIS DAY Removed to No. 6, Peddar's Hill.
All kinds of COMMISSION BUSINESS executed on the most reasonable terms. Special Agents in London and Sydney.
Balance sheets drawn out; Books balanced and audited; and every description of Accountant's Work undertaken. Charges strictly moderate, and perfect accuracy guaranteed.
Office Hours: NINE till FOUR.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1882.

Intimations.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.
OWING to the Company's unprecedented success, a
SECOND SERIES
OF
SUBSCRIPTION OPERAS
has been arranged. The series will include—
"LUCKEZIA BORGIA."
"SAFFO."
"IL BARRIERE DI STIVIGLIA."
"L'ELISIR D'AMORE."
"POLIUTO."
"FAUST."
The Subscription List is NOW OPEN at Messrs KELLY & WALSH'S.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1882. [189]

COMPOSITORS WANTED.
WANTED, for the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" a few FIRST-CLASS COMPOSITORS. Competent men who have had newspaper experience will be liberally dealt with.
Apply, personally, to the Proprietor, of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," No. 6, Peddar's Hill.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1882.

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AN INDEPENDENT DAILY PAPER.
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Terms of Subscription.—Yearly \$20; Half-yearly \$10; Monthly \$2; Single Copies 20 Cents each.
The cheapest and best advertising medium in Hongkong. Terms can be learnt on application.
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Published Daily at 10.30 a.m., and circulated free of charge throughout the Colony.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1882.

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CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND CLOCK-MAKERS.
JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, AND OPTICIANS.
CHARTS AND BOOKS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.
for Louis Audemars' Watches; awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES.
No. 38, Queen's-road Central. [10]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO.
GUNMAKERS AND AMUNITION DEALERS.
BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.
Arms, Ammunitions, and Requisites of every description.
Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at moderate charges.
Sporting Guns and Ammunition always on hand. [28]

G. FALCONER & CO.
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
No. 46, QUEEN'S-ROAD CENTRAL. [2]

C. L. THEVENIN
COMMISSION AGENT,
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANT.
CHAMPAGNE, BURGUNDIES, COGNACS, SHERRIES, LIQUEURS, WHISKY, &c., &c.
AN EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT OF PERFUMERY.
FRENCH BOOTS AND SHOES, FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDING. [26]

STAG HOTEL.
QUEEN'S-ROAD CENTRAL.
GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.
ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARDS.
Dinner at One o'clock, Dinner at 7.30.
This Hotel is most centrally situated and within easy distance of the principal landing places.
J. COOK, Proprietor.

HAIR DRESSING SALOON
HONGKONG HOTEL.
P. MOORE begs to inform the Gentlemen of Hongkong and Visitors that he has reduced the price of Hair-Cutting to 50 cents. Having now in his employ three competent Assistants who are always in attendance, he guarantees to execute this class of work in all its branches, with a perfection which cannot be excelled in any part of the World.
Hair-Cutting.....50 Cents.
Shampooing.....25 Cents.
Shaving.....25 Cents.
Trimming Beards.....25 Cents.
MONTHLY CUSTOMERS TAKEN AT REDUCED RATES.
RAZORS MOST CAREFULLY RE-SET.
Mr. MOORE begs to recommend his GOGO SHAMPOO WASH to the public as unrivalled by any preparation ever produced for promoting the growth of the hair. The basis of this compound is made of soap root; the natives of the Philippine Islands never use anything else for washing their hair; they are never found bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using this shampoo Wash as directed, you will NEVER BE BALD.
The proprietor offers the Wash to the public entirely confident that by its restorative properties it will without fail arrest decaying hair. It completely eradicates scurf, dandruff, and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling properties it allays the itching and fever of the scalp, which is the great cause of people losing their hair.
Mr. MOORE has succeeded in being able to put this wash up in bottles without allowing it to ferment, and he will guarantee it to keep any length of time in any climate. [52]

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
For Amoy, Tamsui, & Taiwanfo.—Per *Albany*, to-morrow, the 12th instant, at 11.30 P.M.
For Saigon.—Per *Blackhall*, to-morrow, the 12th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Saigon.—Per *Carlos*, to-morrow, the 12th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Manila.—Per *Julietta*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Sumida Maru*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Saigon.—Per *Olympia*, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—Per *Lennox and Japan*, on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
For Nagasaki and Yokohama.—Per *Sunda*, on Sunday, the 16th instant, at 9 A.M.

The Postal Guide published in 1879 being now somewhat out of date, a revised issue is printed in the *Hongkong Directory and Hong List for the Far East* for 1882, which supersedes all previous editions.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet "KHIVA" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Hindia; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.
The Mails by the British Contract Packet, will close on the day of departure during the summer months as following, commencing from to-day, the 4th instant.
For Money order Business.....at 3 P.M.
For Registry of Correspondence.....at 4 P.M.
For Posting of all Printed Matter at 4 P.M.
For Do. of all Letters.....at 5 P.M.
For Do. Do. with.....at 5.10 to 5.30 P.M.
Letters, to cents late Fee. Newspapers, no late Fee.
Supplementary Mails can be posted on Board with late fee until 9.30 P.M., after which, Letters can be placed in the Box on board for treatment at Singapore.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE (or SATURDAY if the departure be on Monday).
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
DAY OF DEPARTURE.
7 A.M. Post Office opens.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until.
11.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "ARABIC" will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
At 2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.
At 2.30 P.M. Post-office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board with Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.
1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Non-commissioned Officers, Bandmasters, Army Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class) Writers or schoolmistresses may send full-length letters to the United Kingdom by mail at the rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong stamps. By private steamer the postage is two cents (one penny).
2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.
3.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.
4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No hankerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the ends open.
5.—If from a soldier or sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full. If to a soldier or sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.
6.—Soldiers and sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial stamps.

LETTER BOXES.
Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.
The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a child-book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office: the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the postage stamps.

RATES OF POSTAGE.
Letters, per 1 oz.....10 Cents.
Post Cards, each.....3 Cents.
Books, Patterns, and Commercial.....2 Cents.
Papers, per 250.....10 Cents.
Newspapers & Prices.....2 Cents.
Registration.....10 Cents.
Do. with return receipt.....15 Cents.
Commercial papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge is the same as for Books, but all packets of and under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.
When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid to cents per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

TEA MUSTERS.
Persons who send Musters of Tea through the Post in Tins are requested to have them made flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail bags. It is believed that the tea will travel more safely in flat tins, which are not so liable as round ones to be bulged in. 4 by 3 by 1 1/4 inches is suggested as a good size. The tins should not have sharp corners.
* But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Conductor, Gunner, Doctor, or Chaplain.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

Commercial.

THIS DAY, FOUR P.M.

Share business shows a slight improvement on recent doings, although very few actual transactions have been reported. We have to note a few sales of Steamships at 23 1/2 per share premium, and at that rate the stock is fairly firm. The Ice Company's shares have also been dabbled in, a fair number changing hands at 131. As a rule, stocks generally show a noteworthy depreciation. Banks are very weak at 112 per cent. premium, sellers hitherto having failed to find customers at that rate, and we think that even a lower rate would fail to lead to business. Docks are on offer at the reduced rate of 51 per cent. premium for cash, and the end of the month; but so far as we have been able to ascertain no business has been transacted. Sugars are also very weak with sellers at 160 per share. We have heard no enquiries about Marine or Fire Insurances.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—112 per cent. premium, sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,600 per share.
North China Insurance—Tis. 1,200 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$871 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tis. 885 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$250 per share, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$930 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$295 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—51 per cent. premium, sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$23 1/2 per share premium, sales.
Hongkong & Co. Company—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$107 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—3 per cent. premium.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$131 per share, sales.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$55 per share, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/9 1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9 1/2
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4.68
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.80
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T.T. 220
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T. 220
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank sight 72 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 72 1/2

OPIMUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, \$640
(Allowance, Taels 30.)
OLD MALWA per picul, \$700
(Allowance, Taels 30.)
PATNA (without choice) per chest, \$580
PATNA (first choice) per chest, \$582 1/2
PATNA (bottom) per chest, \$595
BENARES (without choice) per chest, \$565
BENARES (bottom) per chest, \$567 1/2
PERSIAN per picul, \$485

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

(FROM MEMOR. FALCONER & Co.'s REGISTER)	
THIS DAY.	
Barometer—9 A.M.	30.04
Barometer—1 P.M.	30.04
Barometer—4 P.M.	30.12
Thermometer—9 A.M.	77
Thermometer—1 P.M.	76
Thermometer—4 P.M.	76
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	71
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	70
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	59
Thermometer—Maximum	77
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	72

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.									
BAROMETER, THERMOME- TER, &c.	HONG- KONG.		AMOI.		SHANG- HAI.		NAGA- SAKI.		
	Previous	Present	Previous	Present	Previous	Present	Previous	Present	
	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	24 H. at 10 A.M.	
Barometer.....	29.97	10.02	30.00	10.00	29.98	29.80	—	—	
Therm'lar attached.....	77.0	75.0	74.0	73.0	57.0	63.5	—	—	
Direction of Wind.....	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	—	—	—	
Force.....	3	1	1	4	1	—	—	—	
Bar. Thermometer.....	76.0	74.0	74.0	72.0	55.5	61.5	—	—	
Therm'lar Thermometer.....	77.5	77.0	77.0	77.0	52.5	59.5	—	—	
Weather.....	b c	b c	b c	b c	b c	—	—	—	
Sea's Rain.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Windy fallen.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	